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In answer to your recent letter, this is to advise that according to our records you entered on duty with Central Intelligence Group 20 October 1946 and all of your service from that date until your resignation is covered by Civil Service retirement. The Civil Service Commission reports that you had OSS service from 1946, and that this service was covered by retirement. Your military service is creditable service for retirement purposes without any payment by you provided it was active service, was terminated under honorable conditions and is not the basis for retired military pay. Under certain conditions credit may be given for service on which retired military pay is based. On the basis of the three periods of service, which to our knowledge constitute your total Federal service, you will be eligible for a discontinued service annuity at age sixty-two. It will be necessary for you to apply to the Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., for this annuity.

An applicant for disability retirement must file such a claim while employed by the government or within six months after he secarates from the Federal service. In order to be eligible for this type of annuity, the individual must be totally disabled for useful and efficient service in the position held by him. Total disability constitutes inability of the applicant, because of disease or injury, to satisfactorily and efficiently perform his duties or duties of a similar position to which he could be assigned. This condition is determined by official medical examination. A disability annuity is figured by the same formula that governs any other annuity under Civil Service retirement. There are no additional benefits because of disability.

In regard to the receipted doctor's bill and the cancelled check. the Insurance Branch advises that doctor's fees are not reimbursable unless surgery is performed and it is also necessary to have a doctor's statement. Before settling the claim for the x-ray examination, the Insurance Branch must have the diagnosis of your illness. They further advise that your hospitalization was cancelled as of 1 February 1955 for non-payment of premium.

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Your travel vouchers have been reviewed by the Travel Section. According to their records, you signed for advances totaling \$350 on a voucher for the period 8 November to 5 December 1952 for PCS travel to the field. That voucher also shows various Railway Express, taxi and baggage transfer charges both in Washington and San Francisco and from Washington to San Francisco. Total charges were \$57.80. The only charge for shipment of baggage by Railway Express across the country was \$7.73 for four pieces. This voucher was paid on 1 April 1953. However, at that time Travel Section credited only \$225 of your advances. The Travel Section was not aware of the \$125 advance until they paid your voucher for storage of furniture for the period 10 March to 10 August 1953. This voucher in the amount of \$270 was paid 8 October 1953 in the sum of \$145 after crediting your account with the \$125 which had not been noted previously.

The question of possible compensation under FEGA for bursitis was discussed with the Medical Staff and our claim technicians. It is conceivable but very unlikely that bursitis could be compensable under FEGA. The burdon of proof that there was a definite connection between bursitis and your work would be upon you. This proof would probably require a showing that your duties involved use of the shoulder to an unusual detree and it is unlikely that your duties were the arduous manual sort which might aggravate or cause bursitis. However, if you are interested in filling a claim, we will send you the necessary forms.

We trust this information will be helpful to you in resolving the questions you had relative to the settlement of your Agency affairs.

Very truly yours,

Harrison G. Reynolds Director of Personnel

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